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Gillian Gallant, 54, director of London's CIBC Run for the Cure, writes a message on the Canadian Breast Cancer Foundation's pink bus on Wednesday afternoon outside the Covent Garden Market. The bus will be touring Ontario through October to raise awareness of the importance of breast-cancer screening. London was the first stop. A schedule is posted at cbcf.org/pinktour. ANGELA MULLINS/METRO

Troubled water

Burst pipeline. City issues conservation order while crews work round the clock to make repairs

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Londoners are being asked to take shorter showers and avoid household chores such as laundry after a Lake Huron pipeline that delivers most of the city's water burst early Wednesday.

The 48-inch-diameter line running between Grand Bend and Arva broke near Mount Carmel at about 6:45 a.m. Repairs were expected to continue through at least Thursday afternoon and the conservation order will stay in effect until then, said Andrew Henry, division manager of the Lake Huron and Elgin Area Primary Water Supply Systems.

The amount of water pumped into the city from a plant near Port Stanley has been increased to keep taps flowing, but precautions, such as closing spray pads, have been taken.

Reducing water use

City and water officials are asking people to:
- Avoid washing cars, irrigating gardens and filling pools or hot tubs.
- Take short showers instead of baths, and leave laundry and dishes.
- Consider flushing the toilet every second use.

"If we all do our part, we shouldn't have an issue," said Roland Welker, manager of London's water-engineering division.

The city got official word of the break at about 8 a.m. A notice asking all city departments to conserve was issued within the hour.

The cause of the break has not been determined, but the pipeline's age — about 50 years old — may have been a factor, Henry said.

Other affected municipalities include St. Thomas, Aylmer, Southwold, Central Elgin, Malahide, Byham, Bluewater, South Huron, Lambton Shores, Lucan Biddulph, North Middlesex, Middlesex Centre and Strathroy Caradoc.

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Worlds get money, but will skating event get lights?

World Figure Skating Championships.
Mayor and others push for light show

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The government of Ontario has contributed $1.5 million to the 2013 World Figure Skating Championships in London.

At a news conference Wednesday morning, local MPPs Deb Matthews and Chris Bentley were all smiles as they announced the donation.

"This is so much bigger than anything we've ever done in London," Matthews said of the March 10 to 17 event to be held at the John Labatt Centre.

Skate Canada CEO William Thompson said the new funding is crucial, as the international competition calls for a $12.5-million investment prior to opening ceremonies.

Barb MacDonald of Skate Canada said they're "on track" with the budget, which consists of funding from the province and Ottawa, ticket sales, and sponsorships.

Skate Canada CEO William Thompson addresses the crowd at a news conference Wednesday. JOHN MATISZ/METRO

Thompson said the money from the province will mostly go toward funding grassroots "legacy" projects in the local figure-skating community.

Mayor Joe Fontana, the ringleader in the month-long push to convince council that a flashy sound-and-light show is a worthwhile investment, slipped in an indirect comment on the issue.

"We're going to light up the city of London like never before," Fontana quipped during his speech Wednesday.

The issue has been a heated topic in council chambers since last fall, with numerous funding methods discussed, including using private-sector money.

Tourism London general manager John Winston still believes it's a must-have aspect of the world championships.

"It creates a signature experience that will be in the minds of many people from all over the world and the community," Winston said.

Thompson agrees.

"It's very dependent on the community, but it usually works out well," Thompson said of the light-and-sound-show debate, adding the 2010 Winter Olympics in Vancouver are an example of a prime success story.

Skate Canada estimates 160-million pairs of eyes will be on London throughout the 10-day event. On top of the thousands expected to flock to southwestern Ontario, the International Skating Union competition will be broadcast in Asian countries such as figure-skating hotbed Japan and nearly 30 European nations, as well as in North America.

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By the numbers

$1.5M

Donation from provincial government for 2013 championships.

Protesters snarl energy-board hearing

One person was arrested and charged with trespassing during a Wednesday protest that halted a National Energy Board hearing at downtown's Hilton hotel.

Police have not released details about the protester but said the person was released pending a court appearance.

Others alleged the woman was leading a group that took over the hearing. The meeting was called to hear an Enbridge proposal that would reverse the flow of oil through a pipeline that stretches from Hamilton to Sarnia, running just north of London.

Reversing the flow would move oil west to east, carrying product from Alberta's oilsands through the line, opponents say. That oil is more likely to cause breaks and is more difficult to clean up, they argue.

People protest outside the London Hilton after bringing a National Energy Board hearing to a stop earlier in the day Wednesday. ANGELA MULLINS/METRO

Protesters commandeered Wednesday's hearing shortly after it began, calling it "illegitimate, inaccessible and undemocratic."

"Although we respect the efforts of organizations at this hearing that are raising concerns about environmental threats and indigenous treaty violations … we are here to challenge Enbridge, the National Energy Board and the Conservative government," a written version of the protesters' statement read. "You are failing to consider the impacts of tar-sands expansion and all the treaties being breached by this proposed pipeline reversal."

Speaking outside the hotel, protesters said they represent a variety of groups from across southwestern Ontario, including native communities concerned about portions of the line that run through reserves.

"(Enbridge is) bringing devastation to the environment. All these pipelines leak and people don't realize that," said Adam Maxwell, 32, a member of Sarnia Hometown Activist Movement Emerging (SHAME). "The government's not following their own rules, and we're trying to make them accountable."

ANGELA MULLINS/METRO, WITH FILES FROM TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

More to come

More protests against the proposal for the pipeline are planned this week in London, protesters said.

Weekend tragedy

St. Thomas man arrested in fatal hit-and-run

A St. Thomas man has been charged after a weekend hit-and-run killed a 22-year-old London man.

Joshua Switzer was struck near Fanshawe Park Road East and Highbury Avenue at 4 a.m. Saturday.

Joshua Switzer
CONTRIBUTED

Police made an arrest in St Thomas on Tuesday night. Investigators say the accused was driving a 1994 Ford Ranger pickup with severe front-end damage at the time of his arrest.

Darrin Norton, 34, is charged with leaving a collision scene causing death.

"We're grateful to the London city police," said Switzer's mother, Pam. "We know they worked hours, hours and hours above the call of duty."

A funeral service will take place Thursday at 11 a.m. at Windermere on the Mount.

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Pond Mills blaze

Fire marshal called

The Ontario Fire Marshal has been called in to help investigate a fire Tuesday that caused about $900,000 worth of damage at a Pond Mills townhouse complex. It's too early to know if the fire is suspicious, police Const. Dennis Rivest said Wednesday. METRO

Riot aftermath

Party bylaw here

Party animals, beware. A new bylaw on the city's books gives police authority to break up what they deem "nuisance parties" on private property. The ordinance was approved at Tuesday's city council meeting.

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On the web

To out an alleged thief, play his clip

A man whose camcorder was briefly stolen has found a way to get back at the suspected thief: He uploaded to YouTube a video that the suspect took with the camera, a clip in which the man reveals his name, shows his face and admits he stole the camera. Watch at metronews.ca.

Wedding with a twister

An outdoor wedding ceremony in rural Kansas made for some memorable wedding photos. Watch at metronews.ca as Caleb and Candra Pence say their vows while a massive tornado touches down behind them.

Mobile news

It's not all bad news for Facebook this week. A recent project that monitors hate postings on social-media sites has given the popular site an A- and YouTube a C-. Scan the code for more.

Values. Hunter-style hockey given a slight revision for this cup run

One of the common themes from this hockey season has been Hunter hockey.

The use of the phrase to describe the win-at-all-costs style was beaten to death by the media and fans as the Washington Capitals and London Knights overachieved throughout their respective post-seasons.

Now, with the Knights three games into their second Memorial Cup championship, it appears the name isn't so Hunter-centric after all.

"We've coined it, as coaches and players, as London Knights hockey — it's as simple as that," assistant general manager and coach Misha Donskov said over the phone Wednesday from Shawinigan, Que.

The wording alteration seems irrelevant, but it's actually highly appropriate.

Virtually every player on the roster, from playoff MVP Austin Watson all the way down to usual healthy scratch Colin Martin, has paid the price in one way or another for the greater good in order to extend the season of one of Canada's youngest major-junior clubs.

Of course, London's coaching staff drive home specific strategies and core values, but it's the players who have chosen to commit wholeheartedly.

"At this point in the season," Donskov said, "less is more for us coaches."

Using their bodies as safeguards, coming out on top of evenly matched puck battles, notching timely goals, and performing at the faceoff dot — that's the kind of play that has landed the Knights with a 2-1 record after the Memorial Cup's round robin.

And all of those are trademarks of the newly coined theme: London Knights hockey.

Interestingly enough, the Knights' power play has been woeful since travelling east for the national championship. Their 11 per cent success rate (2-for-18) is miniscule, and they've allowed three shorthanded goals.

Eight months into the 2011-12 season, though, winning is the only important statistic.

"We believe the talent's there, the character's there, the skill's there," Donskov said. "At this point, it's the will."

JOHN MATISZ/METRO

A team with style

'London Knights hockey,' as defined by Misha Donskov:

- Commit to unselfishness
- Execute on offence
- Win 50-50 puck battles
- Be a good teammate on the bench
- Block shots
- Win key faceoffs

Memorial Cup

	GP	W	L	GF	GA	P
LONDON (OHL)	3	2	1	11	10	4
SAINT JOHN (QMJHL)	3	2	1	12	8	4
SHAWINIGAN (HOST)	3	1	2	10	10	2
EDMONTON (WHL)	3	1	2	7	11	2

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SHAWINIGAN VS. EDMONTON, 7 P.M.

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LONDON VS. SEMIFINAL WINNER, 7 P.M.

Knights embrace position

Round-robin rulers. London finishes first and earns bye into Sunday's championship game

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London Knight Austin Watson, left, congratulates goalie Michael Houser after their 4-1 win over the Edmonton Oil Kings on Tuesday. The Knights are moving on to the championship game. JACQUES BOISSINOT/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Being the first team to advance to the playoff portion of the 2012 Memorial Cup, the London Knights have earned some relaxation time after playing three games in four nights.

Their off-day destination on Wednesday was historic Quebec City.

The team headed approximately 170 kilometres northeast to la belle province's capital city to "refocus," "rejuvenate" and "get away from the hotel," assistant general manager and coach Misha Donskov said.

Misha Donskov

Thanks to London's relatively close proximity to most OHL markets, the squad rarely stays in another town overnight during the regular season. The Memorial Cup is, of course, the longest stretch away from home for all four teams attending, but may have the greatest effect on the Knights.

"All teams are going through it," Donskov said, downplaying any distractions associated with playing out of province and under a nationwide microscope. "It doesn't put us in a unique spot at all."

The former Columbus Blue Jackets and Atlanta Thrashers employee did mention, however, that it has been an "outstanding" team-building experience thus far, especially since the club is filled with impressionable 17- and 18-year-olds.

"To be playing hockey at this time of year is something special," Donskov said. "If you count five in the exhibition season, 68 games in the regular season, 19 in the OHL playoffs and then three in the Memorial Cup — that's 95, and that's a lot of hockey."

It hasn't been all positive news coming out of Shawinigan, though.

Rookie forward Josh Anderson, who came into his own midway through the year, was shelved by the flu in London's final game of the round robin.

Donskov said his status is still up in the air. "He had a little bit of the flu, and he's much better today. At this point, he's day-to-day."

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No disciplinary action

Namestnikov off the hook for hit

London Knights forward Vladislav Namestnikov won't face any further discipline for what appeared to be a hit to the head of the Edmonton Oil Kings' Klarc Wilson at the MasterCard Memorial Cup, a spokesman said Wednesday.

Namestnikov appeared to leave his feet and catch Wilson elbow-first with an open-ice hit at during the Knights' 4-1 victory on Tuesday night. No penalty was called on the play. Wilson was shaken up, but was able to resume playing.

After the game, Oil Kings coach Derek Laxdal called the hit "predatory."

But he said the team did not file a request for supplemental discipline.

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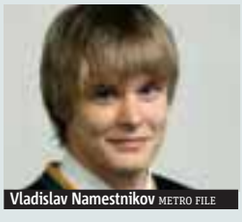

Vladislav Namestnikov METRO FILE

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NEW IMMIGRANTS

David, 37, and his family — Kim, 33, and their two children, Amy, 8, and Paz, 6 — moved to Canada from China a year ago. He had been offered a job as an associate professor of business administration at a university in Manitoba. While it was a big move, the couple felt it was an opportunity they couldn't turn down.

David and Kim hope to add a second income soon (Kim is still looking for a job in fine arts). Right now, the annual family income is $75,000.

"It's a bit tight with two kids and a savings plan," says Kim. "But I'm sure I'll find something... and in the meantime, we've learned how to cut corners and shop economically."

The couple shares a car, and the family lives in a rented bungalow near the university. Their plan is to buy a larger house with a granny suite in the next few years. Kim's parents are also planning to immigrate, and they will contribute to the down payment.

When the couple first came to Canada, one of the first things they did was get their finances in order. They visited their closest Scotiabank branch and in addition to opening a chequing and savings account, they applied for a *Scotia Momentum*® VISA* card. One of the reasons was to build their credit; the other reason was to use it for everyday purchases and earn valuable cash back on every purchase they put on the card.

David and Kim were smart to realize that using their *Scotia Momentum*® VISA* card instead of cash to pay for everyday purchases was a great way to get something back. The card provides 2 per cent cash back on purchases at gas stations, grocery stores, drugstores and on recurring bill payments, and 1 per cent cash back on all other purchases[1].

"While there's an annual fee of $39[2], the cash back reward is well worth it," says David, "and the cash back is deposited into our joint account once a year. Why use cash for everyday purchases when you can get cash back."

"We love our new life in Canada," says Kim. "The kids have found friends and we love the convenience of the neighbourhood. We're here to stay."

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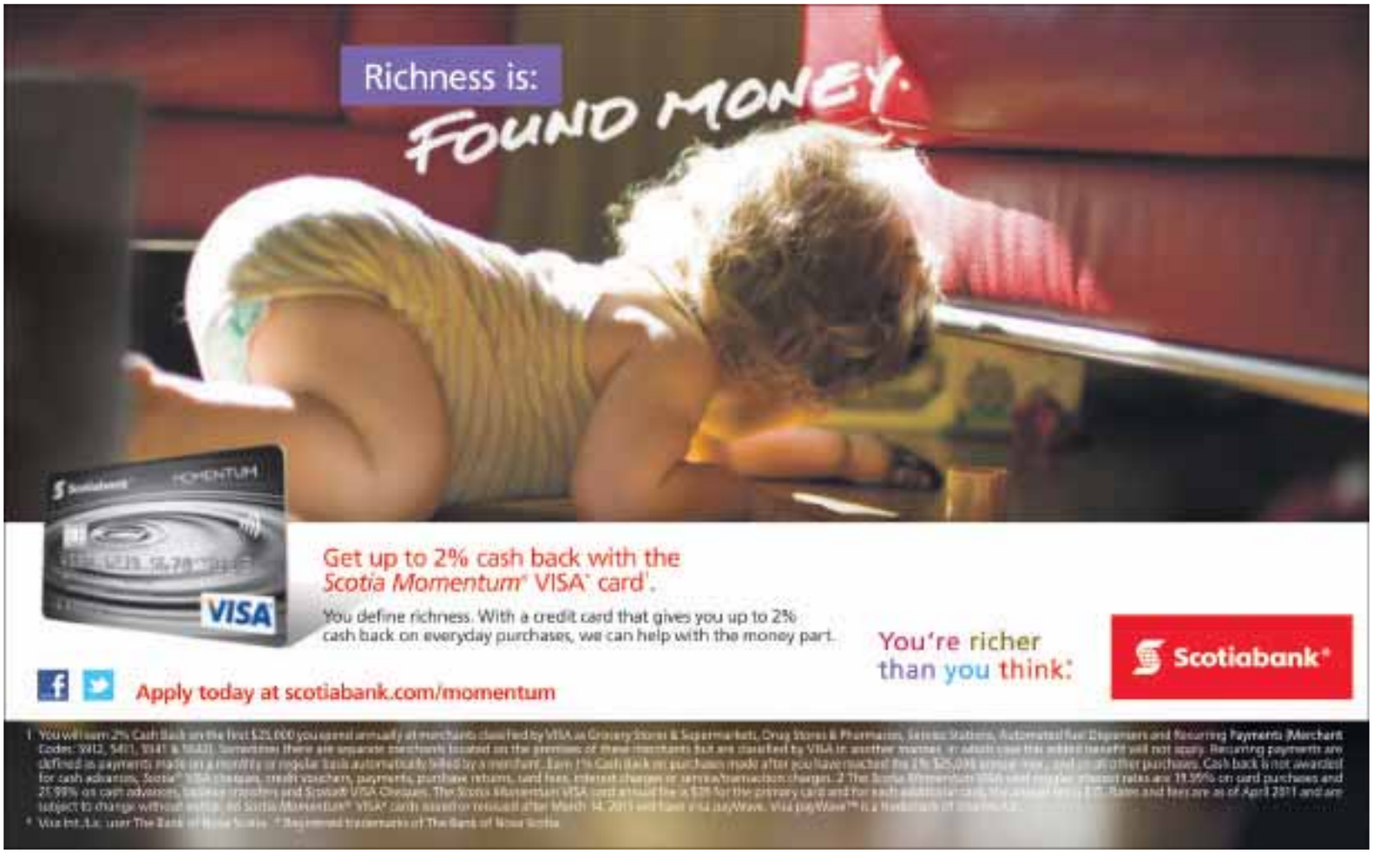
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Think before making Dundas St. bus-free, foot-friendly: Manager

Strategy. Moving buses shouldn't be a quick decision, LTC GM says

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The London Transit Commission isn't necessarily opposed to shifting buses off Dundas Street. But it will be costly and shouldn't be done on a whim, the LTC's general manager says.

"The key question becomes, 'What do you want for the downtown?'" Larry Ducharme said Wednesday. "(Rerouting buses) has to be part of a bigger a strategy."

Key to that strategy are two hefty reports heading to city council this summer.

The first — a transportation master plan — is expected to be tabled during a June 19 committee meeting. The second — a master plan for downtown — will be ready for council eyes in mid-July.

Until those plans are approved, Ducharme said, making big moves is premature.

Members of the LTC board took that stance about 18 months ago when they OK'd a one-year pilot program to reroute buses off Dundas between Wellington and Ridout, Ducharme said. The trial was scrapped when money to pay for it — about $750,000 — wasn't included in the city's 2011 budget. A permanent move would cost much more, a program study shows.

Larry Ducharme CONTRIBUTED

Ducharme expects board members to have the same mindset when city council's new request for buses to be moved crosses their desks. Council approved the new request Tuesday.

"The commission has never said, 'No, we're not doing it.' It's tying it to a longer-term goal and strategy (that's been the issue)," Ducharme said.

While the paperwork on a downtown master plan isn't finalized, the vision behind it seems crystal clear. City planners — and at least some councillors — want to see Dundas Street filled with foot traffic and lined with sidewalk cafés.

Doing that with buses rumbling along every 10 minutes would be challenging, city planner Gregg Barrett said.

"They're big and they're noisy, and it's a very narrow right of way."

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Bus facts

- **Routes.** Dundas Street between Wellington and Ridout is home to nine bus stops servicing 11 routes.
- **Popular stops.** The most frequently used downtown bus stops are on Dundas Street, with those between Richmond and Talbot leading the pack, according to rider surveys.
- **Riders.** 27,000 riders use stops along the Dundas core weekly.

Source: London Transit Commission

People respond to potential bus reroute

It seems Londoners are passionate about the state of downtown, Dundas Street in particular.

Metro got more feedback for the proposed bus reroute off Dundas Street than it has on any other issue.

We asked people via social media if a bus-free street would make them more inclined to shop and dine on Dundas.

Here's a sampling of what they had to say:

A London Transit Commission bus stops near Dundas and Richmond streets Wednesday afternoon as people make their way through downtown. City council wants to see buses moved off Dundas to help fulfil a new pedestrian- and patio-friendly vision for the street. ANGELA MULLINS/METRO

@Downtown_London hard to answer this without context
Easy to say no without seeing what it would be like with patio's, etc. on the street

@bails85
I think if Dundas had more shops and bars it could make for something great.

@JSmithGibson
Less inclined. Since I ride the bus I'm likely to shop and dine with convenience. More convenient if its enroute for me.

@late2game
Absolutely, crowded bus stops make walking difficult. Noise & exhaust get annoying too. Quiet, clean streets + cafes = win.

@Canucklehead_ca
I would be on Dundas more. (If that's possible.) Surprised downtown businesses appear opposed — appears win/win to me.

@ronfreemandavey
it would take a lot more then a bus-free dundas to shop and dine but its certainly a start.

@eh_c
Any bus-free street makes reaching my destination easier, but free parking would make me more inclined to stop, shop & dine.

@MarkJull
Sure; try it as a pilot for a few months. Most important are places to sit. Only 2 (!) benches on Dundas.

@KathyNavackas
ideally it would be a "flexible" street-easy to close for maybe weekend, special events. Open other times.

@ilcla
Has anyone considered how this will affect people with disabilities who may not get around as easily.

@linesbylyons
What about a completely car-free area? Like Ottawa's Sparks St. mall area, Vienna's city centre...?

@amandamarczak
bus-free Dundas would inconvenience me and I'm sure many others just so businesses could attract more business.. I work too!

Kimberly Moore:
no more convenient and cheaper parking would have brought me to downtown.

Toni Taylor:
Make the downtown corridor bus free on dundas, it will bring people. It will be new and fresh!

Jill Amanda:
Yes! I always hate walking or even driving down Dundas just because the amount of people on the street.

Graham Blandford:
We should begin the process of pedestrianizing the downtown core. From York to Queen and Wellington to Rideout. Starting with Talbot from Dundas to York. The JLC, the market and many of the city's finest restaurants are located here and there is ample parking in and around the surrounding areas. We can still provide access for delivery/emergency vehicles and bicycle lanes are a must. Bus routes can be redirected accordingly.

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I say 'go for it' — at least between Wellington and Talbot during the summer months. Let's take back the street for restaurant patios, outdoor markets, and festivals. Anyone who has lived in Europe knows how great a pedestrian zone can be. Deliveries can be done before a certain time in the morning.

Trevor Gavigan:
The only way I'd ever go downtown to shop or dine would be on the bus.... but if i have to walk from where the bus stop is and pay 3 bucks to use the bus.... I think i'll pass. so who are all these people who will be using the downtown more?.. are they the same people who go and look at the fountain we spent so much on... or maybe the same people who will be using the wonderful market lane... Lets spend more money doing studies and having public discussion... then try to figure out why its so hard to balance the budget. ANGELA MULLINS/METRO

CP strike

No train delays for Londoners

You won't have to worry about getting tied up in traffic thanks to a passing train in and around downtown London, at least not for the time being.

Teamsters Canada says a strike against Canadian Pacific started just after midnight and CP has suspended its freight service across the country.

The union, which represents about 5,000 CP workers, says the two sides were unable to reach an agreement despite talks that continued until the deadline. Both the union and CP spokesman Ed Greenberg said the negotiations would continue Wednesday.

Both sides said Tuesday that commuter trains in Montreal, Vancouver and Toronto would keep running in the event of a strike.

GO Transit's website confirms there's been no disruption to passenger trains that use the CP track along the Milton line west of Toronto.

Via Rail said Tuesday that two inter-city Via Rail routes in Ontario that use CP infrastructure would likely be affected: Between Sudbury and White River and the Brockville-to-Ottawa segment of the Toronto-Ottawa route.

The strike is expected to halt shipments of grain, fertilizer, coal and other goods CP moves along nearly 24,000 kilometres of track in Canada and the U.S.

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Egyptians cast historic presidential vote

Democracy. Citizens have 13 candidates to choose from

More than 15 months after autocratic leader Hosni Mubarak's ouster, Egyptians streamed to polling stations Wednesday to freely choose a president for the first time in generations. Waiting hours in line, some debated to the last minute over their vote in a historic election pitting old regime figures against ascending Islamists.

A sense of amazement at having a choice in the Arab world's first truly competitive presidential election pervaded the crowds in line. At the same time, voters were fervent with expectations over where a new leader will take a country that has been in turmoil ever since its ruler for nearly 30 years was toppled by mass protests.

Some backed Mubarak-era veterans, believing they can bring stability after months of rising crime, a crumbling economy and bloody riots. Others were horrified by the thought, believing the "feloul" — or "remnants" of the regime — will keep Egypt locked in dictatorship and thwart democracy.

Islamists, particularly the Muslim Brotherhood, saw their chance to lead a country where they were repressed for decades and to implement their version of Islamic law. Their critics recoiled, fearing theocracy.

"You can't tell me, 'Vote for this or else you're a sinner!'" Wael Ramadan argued with an Islamist-backer in line at a polling station in the impoverished Cairo neighbourhood of Basateen. "We never said that," protested the man. "Yes, you did," Ramadan shot back.

"The revolution changed a lot, for good and bad," Ramadan said afterward. "The good thing is all this freedom.... Now we want a president who has a vision." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Two women show their inked fingers after casting their votes on Day 1 of the presidential election in Old Cairo. FREDRIK PERSSON/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Pakistan. Doctor who helped find bin Laden gets 33-year sentence

A doctor who helped the CIA hunt down Osama bin Laden was convicted Wednesday of conspiring against the state and sentenced to 33 years in prison, adding new strains to an already deeply troubled relationship between the U.S. and Pakistan.

U.S. officials had urged Pakistan to release the doctor, who ran a vaccination program for the CIA to collect DNA and verify the al-Qaida leader's presence at the compound in the town of Abbottabad, where U.S. commandos killed him in May 2011 in a unilateral raid.

The lengthy sentence against Dr. Shakil Afridi will be taken as another sign of Pakistan's defiance of American wishes. It could give further fuel to critics in the United States that Pakistan — which has yet to arrest anyone for helping shelter bin Laden — should not be treated as an ally.

The verdict came days after a NATO summit in Chicago that was overshadowed by tensions between the two countries that are threatening American hopes of an orderly end to the war in Afghanistan and withdrawal of its combat troops by 2014.

Islamabad was invited in expectation it would reopen supply lines for NATO and U.S. troops to Afghanistan it has blocked for nearly six months to protest U.S. airstrikes that killed 24 Pakistani troops on the Afghan border. But it did not reopen the routes, and repeated demands for an apology. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Shakil Afridi was sentenced to 33 years. QAZI RAUF/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Congress

Secret Service head apologizes for scandal

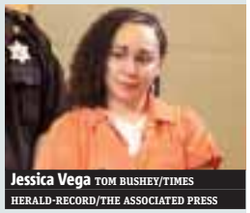
The Secret Service prostitution scandal was centre stage in the U.S. capital on Wednesday as the director of the agency in charge of protecting the president made a high-profile apology before a congressional hearing.

Mark Sullivan, head of the Secret Service, took the stand at a packed U.S. Senate hearing into the scandal and apologized "for the conduct of these employees and the distraction it has caused." His mea culpa came a month after agents, several of them married, were caught hiring Colombian hookers in advance of President Barack Obama's visit. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Fraud

Bride who faked cancer freed

A New York woman who faked having cancer so donors would pay for her dream wedding and honeymoon has been released from jail. Jessica Vega left the jail a few hours after being sentenced Wednesday to the nearly two months she had already served. A prosecutor says she paid back more than $13,000 US, as required under her plea deal. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



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Budget. Tory MP backs off after voicing worries over huge omnibus bill

A Conservative MP says plenty of government backbenchers share opposition concerns about the wide array of controversial measures crammed into the massive budget-implementation bill.

But British Columbia MP David Wilks says there's nothing a lone member can do to defeat the bill or force the Harper government to split up its 425 pages.

Wilks made the comments during a meeting Tuesday with a small group of constituents in his Kootenay-Columbia riding.

Portions of the meeting were videotaped and posted online Wednesday, prompting Wilks to quickly backtrack.

In the video, Wilks is urged by several constituents to vote against the omnibus budget bill, which features a host of non-budgetary measures including changes to the environmental-assessment process, Old Age Security, immigration and Employment Insurance rules.

But Wilks says without similar defiance from at least a dozen fellow Tories, voting against the bill would be an empty gesture that would get him booted out of the Conservative caucus.

"Me doesn't change the budget," he tells the constituents. "If I stand up and say 'no,' it still passes."

Pressed by one woman to break party ranks and represent the views of his constituents on the bill, Wilks responds: "If you want me as an independent, I'll do that."

In the candid exchange, Wilks reveals frustration over the way in which the bill has been presented.

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'Trojan Horse'

Opposition parties have dubbed the legislation a "Trojan Horse bill," designed to sneak through a host of controversial changes to a wide array of programs with little individual scrutiny.

- MP David Wilks is the first Conservative MP to echo those concerns.

Quebec insists it's still open to talks with students

Beyond tuition. Many protesters insist the current unrest is more about broader economic justice

Gabriel Nadeau-Dubois, spokesperson for the CLASSE student group, demonstrates in Montreal on Tuesday to mark the 100th day of the student strike, which opposes tuition-fee hikes. GRAHAM HUGHES/THE CANADIAN PRESS

The Quebec government says the door remains open to discussion with students opposed to tuition hikes and who have been staging daily protests for more than 100 days.

Premier Jean Charest made his comments in the national assembly Wednesday amid reports that an official in the Education Department had contacted student leaders.

It's unclear what the sides might possibly discuss: The government remains committed to tuition hikes, and the student groups remain staunchly opposed to them.

But despite whispers about a possible return to the bargaining table, there was no evidence of any imminent talks between the government and the three main student groups.

Student groups were quoted in news reports expressing skepticism that it was worth bothering to negotiate with the government — and suggesting the effort would simply be an exercise in public relations.

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Gambling

Oddsmakers take bets on student strike

A sports-gambling site has begun taking bets on potential outcomes of Quebec's student strike.

The site sets odds for when the strike will end; whether there will be a referendum on tuition hikes; how many fines will be levied against the most hardline student group; and whether the government will back down.

It even sets odds on whether martial law will be declared in Quebec by the end of 2012. Just for the record, those odds are pegged at 5.5 to 1.

The Quebec-based site predicts even chances of the strike ending by September, and also sets 50-50 odds on the Quebec government amending or repealing its controversial emergency legislation, Bill 78.

Setting odds over which celebrity might be next to wear the iconic red protest square, U.S. filmmaker Michael Moore comes in first at 7 to 1.

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Torontonians. Mother, daughter ID'd as victims of fatal Atlantic City stabbings

U.S. authorities investigating the stabbing deaths of two Canadian tourists during a mugging said the victims were a 47-year-old woman and her 80-year-old mother, who tried to aid her.

Po Lin Wan and her daughter Alice Mei See Leung, both from the Scarborough suburb of Toronto, were killed by a Philadelphia woman across the street from Bally's Atlantic City, the Atlantic County prosecutor's office alleged Wednesday.

The office also corrected a chronology of the attack it initially released Tuesday night. Autopsy results determined that Po Lin Wan bled to death, while her daughter died from being stabbed in the heart. A prosecutor's office news release Tuesday night had reversed their causes of death.

Authorities said the suspect, Antoinette Pelzer, was trying to steal a pocketbook from one of the women. Pelzer is charged with murder. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Facebook. Stock climbs after rocky start with IPO

Facebook's stock climbed higher Wednesday, a reprieve for shareholders after the stock's rocky inaugural trading day Friday was followed by a two-day decline.

Facebook's stock was up $1.03 US, or 3.3 per cent, to $32.03.

That's still nearly 16 per cent below the initial public offering price of $38. Meanwhile, a group of shareholders has filed a lawsuit against Facebook, its executives and Morgan Stanley, the IPO's lead underwriter.

The suit, filed in U.S. District Court in New York, claims the company's IPO documents contained untrue statements and omitted important facts, such as a "severe reduction in revenue growth" that Facebook was experiencing at the time of the offering.

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Investigation

Regulators are examining whether Morgan Stanley selectively informed clients of an analyst's negative report about Facebook before the stock started trading.

- The bank said that it "followed the same procedures for the Facebook offering that it follows for all IPOs."
- The bank said that its procedures complied with regulations.

Market Minute

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Dow Jones: 12,496.15 (-6.66)

SNC-Lavalin joint venture finalizes $1B highway contract

Highway 407. Extension of toll road will allow for more efficient flow of goods, partnership's CFO says

A new SNC-Lavalin joint venture recently selected as the preferred bidder by the Ontario government has finalized a $1-billion contract to extend the Highway 407 toll road east.

The 407 East Development Group General Partnership, a 50-50 joint venture between SNC-Lavalin and Cintra Infraestructuras, will design, build, finance and maintain Phase 1 of the new Highway 407 East.

"Once completed, the highway will allow for a better and more efficient transportation and flow of goods between Toronto and eastern Ontario," said chief financial officer Gilles Laramee.

The Montreal-based engineering and construction giant said Thursday that the project will be delivered using Ontario's "alternative financing and procurement" delivery model.

The formal contract was announced a month after Cintra parent company Ferrovial said the partnership had been selected by Ontario as the preferred bidder.

The new stretch of Highway 407 will extend 22 kilometres east from Pickering to Oshawa. RICHARD LAUTENS/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

The contract will extend the highway 22 kilometres east from Pickering to Oshawa. It also includes a 10-kilometre connection to Highway 401.

The project is expected to take about three years to complete. The partnership will maintain the highway for 30 years. THE CANADIAN PRESS

NEET rate

Canadian youth in better shape than most in G7, study finds

A new study suggests Canadians aged 15 to 29 are more actively pursuing employment and education than their counterparts in most other G7 countries.

Statistics Canada says 13 per cent of Canadians in that age group were neither in school nor employed in 2011.

That number, known as the NEET rate, is the second-lowest among G7 countries, with only Germany boasting a lower score of 11.6 per cent.

The Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development tracks global NEET rates as a way of measuring how engaged young people are in the labour market.

The remaining 87 per cent of young Canadians were equally divided between those who were working and those who were in school.

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FOUNDER CAN FALL FLAT ON HIS FACEBOOK

HE SAYS...
John Mazerolle
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Here's a status update of sorts: I have what psychologists have long recognized as the innate desire in most human beings to see Facebook fail horribly — otherwise known as Schadenfacebook.

I'm not alone. As I type this, the 'most popular' news stories on the web involve the words Facebook, IPO and fiasco. I'm not business-minded, so IPOs are foreign to me. However, I'm familiar with New Brunswick, Ontario and federal politics, so I know all about fiascos.

I didn't know I had Schadenfacebook until the stock started to slip. Then I discovered I wanted to see its rating plummet from "buy" to "sell" to "drachma" all the way down to "same worth as Netscape Navigator." The more screwed up the situation gets, the happier I become.

"Why the hate for FB?" a friend messaged me after I'd ranted about my glee online. I can only assume his wink emoticon was implied.

Faceplant

There's the way FB assumes that your life is a pristine experience that you would want documented in full detail on your timeline, including your drunkest photos and your whiniest posts.

How do I hate Facebook? Let me count the ways.

There's the way FB assumes that your life is a pristine experience that you would want documented in full detail on your timeline, including your drunkest photos and your whiniest posts. When I got divorced, my news feed said, "John is now single" with a happy little heart.

There's also Facebook's amorphous privacy settings, which distract from the truth that the site has no privacy at all. Would anyone really be surprised if Facebook one day undeleted all that we've deleted and released all our chat messages, perhaps as a 'service' when we've died? "Learn about Grandma's affair! Only $9.99!"

Or how about the way FB friends can add you to events without permission, so you're suddenly getting postings from some group you don't actually support, like the Man-Gorilla Love Association or an Evening of Serviceable Green Day Covers?

And there's CEO Mark Zuckerberg, who combines all the worst traits of various cliques and creates his own sort of Franken-niche — the businessman-nerd-bully — all while jealously guarding his privacy in a thermonuclear example of irony.

But very worst of all, after all these complaints, *I can't stop using it.* It knows my weaknesses. It knew I couldn't resist Facebook once my email inbox was filled with requests to join. It knows I'm too lazy to remember a password for a newspaper's sports section, so I login through Facebook. It knows that asking for creative feedback on Facebook is easier than talking to people individually, even if it's not better.

Apple, for all its flaws, seems to understand what people want. Facebook knows what they will put up with.

So, crash and burn Facebook. Crash like a North Korean rocket. And when it all lies in pieces, feel free to add the event to your timeline. With all this Schadenfacebook, I'll be sure to like it.

I like you Facebook. I also like watching you fail. GETTY IMAGES

South African art attack

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Painting defaced

Smear campaign hits president

Two men appeared in a Johannesburg court on Wednesday, accused of defacing a controversial painting of South African President Jacob Zuma. Barend la Grange, 58, and Louis Mabokela, 25, allegedly smeared paint on 'The Spear' by activist Brett Murray, which caused offence by showing the president's genitals. METRO

Backlash

"The portrayal has ridiculed and caused me humiliation and indignity."

Jacob Zuma, President of South Africa
The president has reacted furiously to the satire of his alleged promiscuity. Zuma has fathered 21 children from six marriages, and was acquitted of a rape charge in 2006. His party, the African National Congress, is planning to sue Brett Murray.

Other art protests

- **Banksy** Anonymous British street artist stencilled 'mind the crap' signs outside the Turner Prize exhibition in 2001.
- **P183** A Russian graffiti artist has created a series of eye-catching murals attacking President Vladimir Putin.
- **Liberate Tate** protested the gallery's links to petrol companies by having a naked activist lie on the floor covered in oil.

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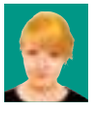
Miles Jones performs at the first Grickle Grass Festival. PRESS PHOTO/SUBMITTED

Celebrating sustainability

Grickle Grass Festival. Museum will transform from a kids' attraction by day to a concert venue by night



BACKSTAGE PASS
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I don't want to yell at people about sustainability anymore," says Savanah Sewell, director of the Grickle Grass Festival. "What I do want to do is have a conversation about it and I think this can spark that conversation."

After two successful runs, the festival will host its third installment Saturday at the London Regional Children's Museum.

During the day, the Dr. Seuss-inspired event is geared toward children and, for the regular cost of admission to the museum, families can dance and sing with acclaimed Canadian performers Splash 'n' Boots. Chefs from across the city will gather as well, helping the children plant a vegetable garden and leading workshops on cooking and eating local.

As the sun sets the event shifts focus, each room of the museum becoming a concert venue for rock, hip-hop and experimental artists.

"We've taken a lot of time to reflect as a team about what we can do and what we can bring to the festival to make it better," Sewell says. "From a night time standpoint, we've zoned in a little bit on the music programming, Out of Sound Records now curates the evening's music."

Quoted

"We've taken a lot of time to reflect as a team about what we can do and what we can bring to the festival to make it better."

Savanah Sewell, Grickle Grass Festival Director

The line up includes Del Bel, Maylee Todd, Ceschi and locals The Allens, Thesis Sahib and Say Domino.

"For Grickle Grass we're going to be playing at least two if not more new songs," says Matt Trocchi of Say Domino. "We're excited. It's going be nostalgic playing at the Children's Museum."

Evening guests will also be treated to food prepared by Growing Chefs Ontario director Andrew Fleet.

"Andrew is going to be cooking full blown meals," Sewell says. "The kids are going to help prepare the food during the day, learning about cooking and eating locally and we'll be able to eat it in the evening."

With help from the local community Grickle Grass is a zero waste festival, taking their slogan — a party with a purpose — to heart.

"We could not have done any of these things without the community," Sewell says. "We built our foundation on the community relationships we already had and over the last three summers those relationships have only become stronger."

The evening concert starts at 8 p.m. Tickets are available in advance at Grooves, Hot Dog Musique and Artfusion Gallery for $15 with all proceeds going to Growing Chefs Ontario and the London Regional Children's Museum.

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Celebrity buzz

Bieber tour announced

With his much anticipated new disc Believe about to drop, Justin Bieber has announced an extensive North American tour that will include seven Canadian dates.

The Stratford, Ont., native will kick off his nearly four-month trek on Sept. 29 in Glendale, Arizona, and wrap up on Jan. 26 at Miami's American Airlines Arena.

Along the way, the 18-year-old will play shows in Calgary, Edmonton, Saskatoon, Winnipeg, Ottawa, Montreal and Toronto.

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On the web

Kanye West leads with seven nods at BET Awards, Beyoncé follows with six; Samuel L. Jackson to host.

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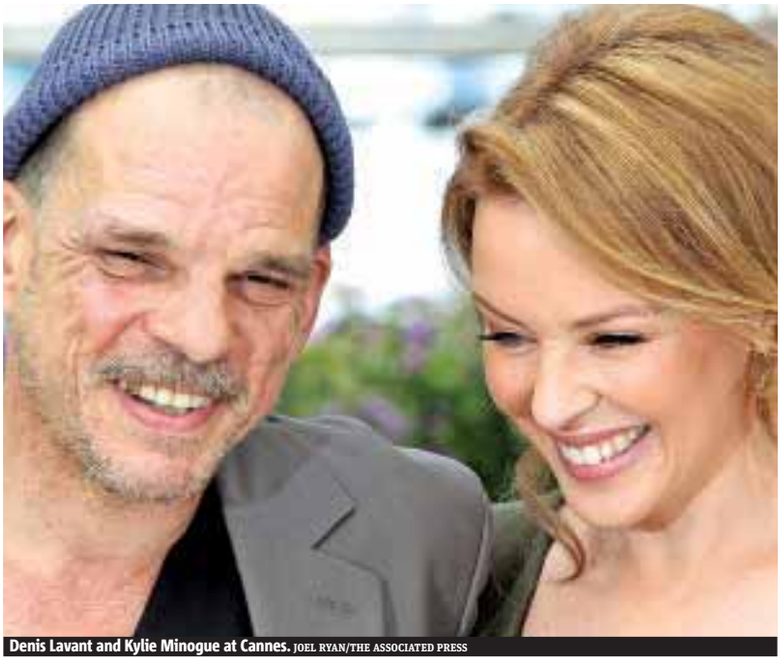
Surreal Paris romp has Cannes going gaga

Holy Motors.
Audience loves film by French director Leos Carax, while critics are divided: It's been given five stars and called a 'weird-out'


Denis Lavant and Kylie Minogue at Cannes. JOEL RYAN/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Holy cow. The most rapturous audience reception at the Cannes Film Festival has gone to Holy Motors, a disorienting, whirling dream of a movie by French director Leos Carax.

Starring Denis Lavant as a man who adopts a dozen wildly different personas during the course of a long Paris day, the film includes surrealist scenes, tender moments, a song by pop star Kylie Minogue and the unexpected appearance of bonobo monkeys.

The film, which has its red-carpet gala on Wednesday, drew whoops and cheers at the end of its first press screening — but left other baffled viewers shaking their heads.

"This is what we have all come to Cannes for," said The Guardian newspaper's ecstatic five-star review. Screen International was less impressed, judging the film "a self-conscious upmarket weird-out."

Holy Motors is Carax' first feature since the experimental romance Pola X, which screened at Cannes in 1999, to equally divided opinion. Holy Motors is one of 22 films competing for the festival's Palme d'Or.

It's a dramatic return — but don't ask Carax what he wants the public to take away from the film.

"I don't know. Who is the public? All I know is that it is a bunch of people who will be dead very soon," said the director, waving an unlit cigarette at a Cannes press conference. "I don't make public films, I make private films."

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Monkey business

Thespian thoughts

In Holy Motors, Lavant portrays, among other characters, a beggar woman, a dying old man, a knife-wielding killer and a filthy gnome. He said the hardest scene was the one in which his character interacts with the two monkeys. "That was a bit scary," Lavant said. "Whoever you are acting with in a film, there are a lot of things that are unknown, but there's sort of an unacknowledged code ... among human beings."

Killing Them Softly.
Brad Pitt stars in a modern-day U.S. fable

One year after his Best Picture nominee Tree of Life, Brad Pitt is back in Cannes, and in the competition with Killing Them Softly by New-Zealander Andrew Dominik (who teamed with Pitt on The Assassination of Jesse James...).

Based on a novel by George V. Higgins, the film is set in the middle of the 2006 U.S. election campaign.

In a small anonymous town, crippled by the financial meltdown. Gangster Jackie Cogan (a slick Brad Pitt) is made to find the men behind a recent hold up following an illegal poker game.

"Although on the surface the film is a bit old school, we wanted the story to reflect events that are happening today," Brad Pitt told the press at a conference at Cannes.

What Dominik's comical, philosophical dialogue helps paint is the picture of an America that is losing its values.

Pitt denies that the film praises violence. On the contrary.

"We live in a world where violence is a constant presence.

"For gangsters, it's the norm.

"I admit I would find it harder playing a racist than a man that shoots people in the head," he laughs.

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Scrounging up scares on a tight budget

Chernobyl Diaries. Director of Paranormal Activity tries his hand at a bigger-budget flick, but he still likes the challenge of working on the cheap

NED EHRBAR
Metro World News in Hollywood

What happens when a group of friends go on an 'extreme' tour of Pripyat? HANDOUT

Israeli-born filmmaker Oren Peli made a name for himself with Paranormal Activity, the 2009 found-footage phenomenon that cost $15,000 to produce and went on to make $194 million worldwide — making it the most profitable film of all time. While the budget for his latest film, Chernobyl Diaries, isn't that small, he still aims to keep things on the inexpensive side. Chernobyl Diaries follows a group of friends on an "extreme tourism" trip into Pripyat, the Ukrainian town abandoned after the Chernobyl disaster in 1986.

Did you visit Pripyat yourself before making this film?
No. Actually, when we started getting into it, we were thinking not only of visiting it, but we actually wanted to shoot some of the movie there, which we thought makes sense. Why not? The set is already there. But for whatever reason, the Ukrainian government in 2011 stopped allowing people to go in there. So for a long period of time while we were shooting the movie, there was no access there. We were thinking it ironically parallels the movie, thinking maybe there's a secret entrance we can sneak into the town through.

With such sophisticated horror audiences these days, how do you approach trying to scare them?
Well, there's all sorts of different scares, and Chernobyl Diaries has a variety of them. There's a few jump scares. But the thing that really works for me the best is the patient anticipation of things, and the idea of a loss of control and fear of the unknown. We tried to combine a lot of that in the movie. The whole sense of not knowing what you're dealing with, the fear of the unknown and the feeling of being helpless and not having any control over your own destiny, to me that's the kind of thing that's really the essence of a lot of horror movies.

You found success with Paranormal Activity, which was made on a tiny budget. Does that reputation of being able to do a lot with a little get in your way now?
The budget factor, it definitely makes a lot of things challenging, and you always wish you had a little bit more here and there, but I don't know if I'll ever see myself making a really, really big-budget movie. I kind of like in many ways the restraints of doing things on a small budget, because I think it ends up maybe to some degree making the movie feel more intimate and makes you feel like you have to be more creative about finding practical solutions to do things — which end up in many cases feeling more real than if you did something very elaborate and grandiose.

Decoding 007. Metro analyzes Skyfall's cryptic new trailer

Bond still has a way with the ladies. Oh, and some men are trying to kill him, according to the new Skyfall trailer. HANDOUT

Teaser trailers can be rather cryptic at times, and the new Skyfall trailer isn't any different. Audiences got a taste of the Sam Mendes-helmed film, which will mark the 23rd James Bond film. Here's what we gleaned from the short clip.

Straight from 007's mouth
Some men are coming to kill James Bond and his colleagues, but he plans to kill them first.

Asia-bound
At one point in the film, it seems that Bond (Daniel Craig) will travel to China — or at the very least, an area that is celebrating a very elaborate Chinese New Year celebration.

Dame M (Judi Dench)
Well, she's still around to keep 007 in line. And, hints through interviews show that she may be the central part of this movie.

An Aston Martin DB5
The car is captured in one of the shots, and it seems that all the cars seem pretty modern. A scene of a crashing Metro train confirms that these events are all occurring in the modern day or at a date that is more recent than in a past decade.

What's skyfall?
According to a conditioned response test given to Bond by a man who looks like a stereotypical psychiatrist, "skyfall" is something Bond doesn't want to talk about. Was it code for a mission done wrong?

Doom and gloom
There will be a lot of deaths, hinted at by the caskets draped with British flags.

Oh Javier
We get one shot of Javier Bardem, who is confirmed to play the Bond villain in this film. He's walking away from a building he just set on fire.

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Bond girls

What about the ladies?

There will be an intensely erotic shaving scene with a woman played by Naomie Harris. But, just a few seconds before, we get a glimpse of Bérénice Marlohe, another Bond girl, standing in a hotel room. Both of these women prove that despite the years and the different actors, Bond still has his way with the ladies.

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Fox to have baby girl: Report

Megan Fox is reportedly pregnant — and it's a girl, according to Star magazine.

"She's been helping to raise (husband) Brian (Austin Green)'s 10-year-old son, Kassius, for years, and now she'll have the experience of being mommy to a little girl," a source says.

"Obviously, Megan and Brian would be happy with a healthy baby of either gender, but they're beyond thrilled that Kassius is going to have a little sister."

It looks like it'll be a busy autumn for the Transformers star. "She'll be due at the very end of September or the first week in October," the source adds.

"Megan is attached to a movie called Swindle, but it's in rewrites and probably won't even begin filming until next year. So right now her plate is totally clean, and she can devote herself to her baby."

Perry bares all

Katy Perry knew it would be impossible to avoid mention of her 14-month marriage to Russell Brand in her upcoming tour documentary, Katy Perry: Part of Me, so she addressed it head-on.

"I thought it was important to show everything in between. I think sometimes people think that we're perfect, and we know we're not perfect, at all," Perry explains to Ellen DeGeneres in an interview.

"It's important to start breaking down the idea that to achieve your dreams, you always have to be perfect or flawless or live in some kind of fantasy world. That's why I decided to put everything into the film. In the most tasteful way."

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The Word

Britney Spears has needs... like fried chicken

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Britney Spears may be making $15 million for gracing the judges table on X Factor, but she still doesn't intend to put out her own snack money.

Details from the singer's contract have leaked, and she has some very specific requests as far as dressing room needs are concerned. Every day, she'll require fried chicken (legs and breasts only), 12 Snickers bars, 24 cans of Coke, 10 snack size bags of Doritos and 12 vases of Magnolia blossoms — give or take a basket of baby white lion cubs, depending what source you're going with.

Not that all of this junk food is exclusively for Spears, who has reportedly been hitting the gym before cameras start rolling. She's also requested a 24-member staff that includes a beauty team, a massage therapist and a "spiritual adviser."

How sweet would it be to serve as Spears' spiritual adviser? You know you could just toss this chick a couple mood rings and spend the next seven-and-a-half hours eating her Doritos.

Lady Gaa ALL PHOTOS GETTY IMAGES

Gaga speaks out on protests

At a tour stop in Manila, Lady Gaga took a moment to address the recent protests that have been waged against her — leading to her not being allowed to perform in Jakarta, Indonesia.

She's also drawn protest from Biblemode Youth, a Christian group that called for an end to her shows in the Philippines.

"Some people think that I stand for like, really inappropriate things," she told the crowd, according to Hollyscoop.

"The truth is I want the f--ing best for you. I want the best for every single one of you. I love you with all of my heart and all my soul, I really do."

As for stirring up controversy while in the Philippines, Gaga doesn't seem too concerned: "Don't worry, if I get thrown in jail in Manila, Beyoncé will just bail me out," she posted on Twitter this week. "Sold out night two in the Philippines. I love it here!"

Kelly's happy for a change

Kelly Clarkson has gotten some of her best material for songs from bad breakups, and now that she's in a happy, stable relationship, she worries her work is suffering.

"It is killing me. I'm trying to write a tough song and it is coming out like butterflies and rainbows," Clarkson, who has been in a relationship since late last year, tells People magazine.

"It is ruining my creativity. I'm writing all this happy (stuff). People are going to be, like, 'What the hell happened to you?'"

It has been really difficult. I love it. It's an awesome problem to have."

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Men: get your threads in print (it worked for me)

Wearing it. Bright, bold and a bit on the brash side, it's got to be the Hawaiian shirt. I give the look a go to see if I can move beyond the gawping and get the girl.

RICHARD PECKETT
Metro World News in London

I know what you're thinking: this guy is only a few gold medallions away from being a fugitive living on the Costa del Sol. Yep, the Hawaiian shirt has had some pretty damning press over the years, namely due to the fact that the in-your-face print is commonly sported by stag parties, who probably half hope that the disruptive pattern will mask the vomit stains.

Having tried the Hawaiian look, I've got to say that my skepticism about the trend has far from diminished. There was a slew of verbal abuse from colleagues and speculation that I was heading to the touristy end of town.

Hardly the encouragement I needed, seeing as I was to don my best "babe magnet" shirt at a bar, later that day.

That said, I wouldn't be writing about this trend had it not blossomed on the spring /summer'12 runways. Givenchy, Moschino, Richard Chai, followed by high street brands such as Topman, ASOS, and Levi's have all created their own riff on the look with surging sales, apparently.

The fact is that nowadays men are more daring when it comes to colour and print. Maybe it's a counter-reaction to Noughties minimalism — or perhaps we're all in need of something a little bit wild in this austerity era.

Personally, I think that men are becoming savvy in terms of cut and design as opposed to demonstrating their fashion prowess by — often tastelessly — flashing designer labels.

However, I was about to put my hibiscus leaf-gilded masculinity to the test at a Mexican-style bar in central London.

I hoped to channel the charm and ease with which George Clooney works the Hawaiian shirt in The Descendants — as I approached a girl at the bar. But no, I wasn't smooth. I felt like a sleazy '80s hustler minus the silver tongue.

Whilst I awkwardly stuttered, an eavesdropping onlooker, who had clearly clocked my intentions, piped up: "That shirt's a blessing if you can get a nice girl like her." What? An indirect compliment, I thought, but I'll take it nonetheless.

The good life: chilling at the bar with a beer in Topman's palm leaf pattern shirt. NICK CUNARD/METRO WORLD NEWS

Smiles all round in Topman's horizontal palms, short-sleeve shirt.
NICK CUNARD/METRO WORLD NEWS

The name game

"Givenchy, Moschino, Richard Chai, followed by high-street brands such as Topman, ASOS, and Levi's have all created their own riff on the look with surging sales, apparently."

Richard Peckett on the Hawaiian shirt

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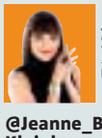

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@Jeanne_Beker: in Kleinburg, Ont. to cover the new Fashionality exhibit, about the relationship of art + fashion. Hosting fundraiser June 16.

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@Jeanne_Beker: A cut steel "Root Dress" by Barb Hunt, at Fashionality

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Fashion flash

Eau de teen icon

Justin Bieber was honoured alongside top fashion names like Tom Ford and Gucci at the Fragrance Foundation's annual Fifi awards for the best perfumes.
Tom Ford's Violet Blonde was picked as the women's best luxury fragrance, and Gucci Guilty Pour Homme in the same category for men.
Bieber was named the Elizabeth Taylor Fragrance Celebrity of the Year.

For broad appeal, Heidi Klum's Shine won for women and Curve Appeal by Elizabeth Arden won for men.

The industry group put on the ceremony Monday night with Jane Lynch as emcee.

"I'm honoured to be here tonight to serve as your host. Selecting me as host makes perfect sense, because when you think of a sexy, delicate and floral fragrance, you think, 'Jane Lynch,"' she said.

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On the Web

Claire Pettibone says Facebook bride Priscilla Chan wore her lacy sheath

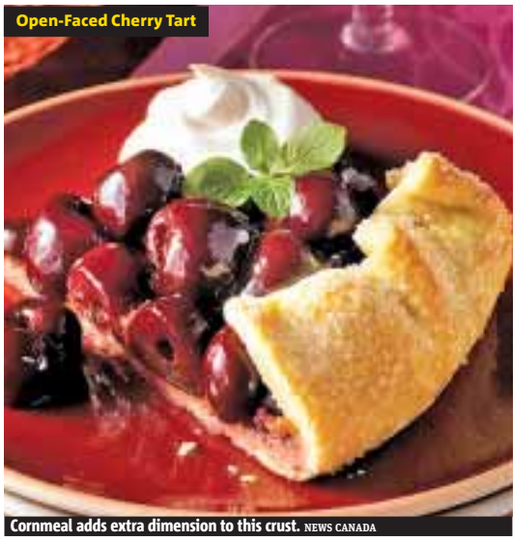
Dazzle your guests by giving them a taste of cherry season

1. In food processor, pulse flour with cornmeal, sugar and salt. Add butter and pulse until it is the size of peas with a few larger pieces. Drizzle with 3 tbsp (45 ml) water. Pulse until mixture is moistened, adding remaining water by 1/2 tsp (2 ml) if needed. Pulse just until dough starts to gather into a ball. Then turn out onto work surface. Gather and knead gently to bring together. Shape into disc and cover with plastic wrap. Refrigerate for one hour.

2. Preheat oven to 400 F (200 C). Line a baking sheet with parchment paper. On a lightly floured surface roll dough very thinly into a circle measuring about 12 inches (30 cm). Don't worry if it's not perfect. Discard any excess dough. Carefully wrap dough around rolling pin and transfer to parchment paper. Sprinkle macaroons in centre of circle, leaving a two-inch (3.5-cm) border.

3. Place cherries in bowl along with orange peel, sugar, cinnamon and almond extract. Stir well to evenly distribute orange peel. Turn cherry mixture onto macaroons. Fold pastry over cherries to enclose, leaving circle about five inches (12.5 cm) in the middle so that you can still see fruit. Whisk egg yolk with 1 tbsp (15 ml) water then brush over pastry. Sprinkle pastry with sugar. Bake on bottom shelf of preheated oven until a golden colour, about 20 to 23 minutes. Serve warm or at room temperature. Delicious with whipped cream or ice cream.

Open-Faced Cherry Tart



Cornmeal adds extra dimension to this crust. NEWS CANADA

Ingredients

- 1 1/3 cup (325 ml) all purpose flour
- 2 tbsp (30 ml) cornmeal
- 2 tsp (10 ml) granulated sugar
- 1/4 tsp (1 ml) salt
- 1/2 cup (125 ml) cold unsalted butter, cubed
- 1/4 cup (50 ml) ice water (approx)
- 1/4 cup (50 ml) finely crumbled Italian macaroons
- 4 cups (1l) California cherries, pitted
- 2 tsp (10 ml) orange peel
- 2 tbsp (30 ml) granulated sugar
- 1/4 tsp (1 ml) cinnamon
- 1/8 tsp (0.5 ml) almond extract (optional)

Glaze:

- 1 egg yolk
- 1 tsp (5 ml) granulated sugar
- Whipped cream or ice cream (optional)

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Laundry lessons

Tackling grass stains

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Dear Charles the butler, Please help! With summer in the air, and my children starting to play outside, how do I get the grass stains out of their clothing? Desperate mother

Dear Desperate mother, Do not fear! There is a solution! As with all stain removal, it comes down to a little knowledge of chemistry. I stopped taking chemistry in Grade 10 (big mistake!).

Now, deep breath, this is actually relatively easy: A great grass remover that I have used in the past is equal parts of:

-White Vinegar
-PH neutral dish soap
-Water

Shake all of the above well and pour onto the spot.

With a soft brush, remove any excess grass, dirt or mud from the garment.

Soak the stained area for at least an hour, then sponge the stain area with additional 50/50 solution lightly to remove the stain.

Let stand a few minutes then launder as usual. But remember; if the grass stain does not come out, don't put it into the dryer. Treat the stain again and re-wash.

This should do the trick. Remember that on the PH scale, with acid on one side and alkaline on the other, vinegar, which is an acid, is good to remove grass stains. Baking soda and borax that are alkaline are bad.

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All that grass is a stain-removal challenge waiting to happen. ISTOCK IMAGES

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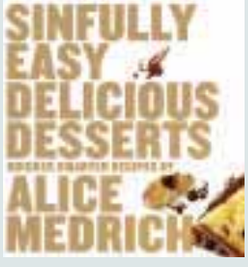

In her book Sinfully Easy Delicious Desserts, Alice Medrich proves that fabulous desserts don't have to require hours of prep.

Not only does the book boast more than 100 ideas for spur-of-the-moment desserts that don't involve baking, it also has tips on seven must-have baking tools, magic ingredients and a guide to the dessert maker's basic pantry.

Meanwhile, foolproof recipes include: Grilled Pineapple with Coffee Ice Cream, Lemon-Scented Peach Crisp, Salted-Caramel Banana Bread Pudding, Coconut Pecan Torte, Bittersweet Brownie Drops, Classic Carrot Cake and more. METRO

Bathing bliss: A stainless-steel elliptical soaking tub from Diamond Spas nestled amongst white river rocks in a sleek, Asian-inspired tiled bath. DAN DANENBERG/DIAMOND SPAS/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Bring a little spa to your casa

DIY ideas. When it comes to bathtubs, North American designers are soaking up Japanese style

Some of us are shower people, and some are bathers.

But there's a way to be both, as the Japanese discovered centuries ago when they developed the ofuro, or soaking tub.

Traditionally, the Japanese get clean with a shower or hand bath and then step into an "ofuro," a deep tub full of clean hot water. These tubs are often large enough that several family members can have a communal soak. It's considered a relaxing and important ritual.

The idea has caught on here, and there are now several manufacturers making ofuro tubs suitable for one bather or a couple.

Usually about 27 inches deep, the tubs typically have built-in seats, and often a grab bar. They're available in acrylic, composite, wood, even stainless steel and copper.

Here are the steamy details on some options, and what you should consider before adding one to your home:

Wooden tubs

Bill Finlay owns Sea Otter Woodworks in Haynes, Alaska. While he'd been making outdoor hot tubs for a few years, he made his first ofuro at the request of a business associate, and that sparked an interest in perfecting the craft.

"I made a couple of fact-finding trips to Japan, then developed my own techniques," he says.

Finlay makes the Hinoki Ofuro in a couple of sizes, suitable for one or two people. The material is an aromatic cypress native to Japan; the resin is bacteria and rot resistant and withstands humidity. The citrusy fragrance is a common aromatherapy component.

Metal tubs

Diamond Spas in Frederick, Colo., welds recycled copper and stainless steel into tubs that are lined with foam insulation, then buffed to a nice Old World finish. Like kitchen pans, the copper tubs can be left to develop a patina, or rendered shiny with a polishing compound. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Get your own 'ofuro'

Soaking tubs aren't as complicated to install as you might think.

- **Who knew?** If you're putting in a smaller, one or two-person tub, you'll actually use less water than a conventional tub.
- **Mega water.** But a four-person version can hold a lot of water — close to 250 gallons, compared to around 50 for a conventional tub.
- **Don't sink through the floor.** Floor joists need to be able to hold the weight of the water, not just the tub.
- **D'oh!** Make sure you'll be able to get the tub sideways through doorways.
- **Safety first.** Many tubs come with an overflow fail-safe built in, but you should have a drain in the bathroom floor as well.
- **Camouflage.** The river rock bed is an attractive way to hide a draining floor system, but you can also tile the bathroom floor and install a drain.
- **Some like it hot.** You'll need lots of hot water, so upgrade your system, and consider an in-line heater that continuously reheats the full tub.

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As well as being aesthetically pleasing, a lawn and garden can create a sense of ambiance and let you reconnect with your neighbours. HUNTER HOME AND GARDEN PHOTO

Set up roots with an outdoor living area

Your choice. Variety of projects are as diverse as the people themselves

JASON MENARD
For Metro

If a home is one's castle, then the lawn and garden is its courtyard. And whether you choose stately or humble, homeowners are increasingly choosing to rule their own roosts when it comes to exterior design.

"What's trending right now is the creation of outdoor living areas," explained Jan Hunter, the co-owner (along with her landscape-designer husband Alan) of Hunter Home and Garden. "It's a combination of an aging population and the economy — we're finding people are taking the same money that they'd put into a cottage or going on vacation and putting it into their homes."

Hunter said the variety of home renovation projects are as diverse as the people themselves.

"Some love a rain garden to help with their environmental footprint, some love retaining walls — I've even had someone look into a wood-fired pizza oven."

In addition to being aesthetically pleasing, these outdoor living areas are bringing people closer to their neighbours and communities. "I think entertaining is coming back," she said. "People want to reconnect and this is a great way to do it. You're creating a sense of ambiance and the driving force is that people are setting up roots."

Get a sense of what you want your garden to look like.
HUNTER HOME AND GARDEN PHOTO

Make your lawn stand out by edging it properly.
HUNTER HOME AND GARDEN PHOTO

While the final result may create an environment that's placid and tranquil, sometimes the process of getting there can cause some stress. "People often bite off more than they can chew," she said. "People believe that they're a do-it-yourself type, then they get into the project and find it's harder than they thought."

Hunter suggests before starting a project homeowners should get a solid idea of their likes, dislikes, and, of course, budget.

"Landscaping can be expensive, but it's a lifelong investment," she said.

"People in a new house should live in it for a little while; get a feel for it."

But like any castle, its facade is only as strong as its foundation.

And Bren Silk, owner of Old South Lawn, Garden, and Construction, explained there are some quick and easy ways to ensure the grass is greener on your side of the fence.

"A great, low-cost and effective way to improve the look of your lawn is to make sure the garden is properly edged," he said, adding that pesticide bans make it imperative to stay on top of weeds.

"People are having more and more trouble with weeds because of the pesticide ban. The first step is to cut out dandelions before they go to seed — if they do, you're through."

Weed growth is exponential. And while kids may like to blow on those white seeds and make a wish, that simple act can disperse hundreds of potential new dandelions across the lawn, causing nightmares for the yard owner.

Regular maintenance is key. He recommends weeding once a week, aerating, raking the lawn — including removing thatch and fallen branches — and regular mowing. "If you're not getting a lot of rain, three to three-and-a-half inches is a good summer height."

And even though professionals are available, lawn care can be done by everyone. "It's always fun to take on a project," Silk said.

"But if you're not sure, it's better to call in the pros."

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Trends that will grow on you

Planning ahead. Metro speaks with expert Tara Nolan on what's hot for 2012

TERESA CHIYKOWSKI
For Metro

Metro recently caught up with Tara Nolan, editor of CanadianGardening.com, to talk about what will make gardens grow this year.

A "budding" gardener, Nolan keeps her ear to the ground (or, rather, to the web) for the latest gardening trends.

Here are a few 2012 trends she shared with us:

Vertical gardening

There is no reason why small spaces can't make a big impression.

"With many people downsizing their living (and growing) spaces, the trend toward vertical gardening is gaining momentum," says Nolan.

"If you're dealing with limited outdoor spaces, think of growing upward rather than outward."

Climbing plants can flourish on trellises, on arbours, along fences or in small containers.

Straw-bale gardening

Have you ever thought about growing tomatoes in a bale of straw?

Straw-bale gardening isn't just a unique approach to growing, it's also an excellent option if you have poor soil, have limited space or have difficulty bending over.

"Bales are great for growing everything from annuals to vegetables," says Nolan.

"If you are going to try bale gardening, stay away from hay as it contains seeds that could grow along with your plants. Hay can also wreak havoc for allergy sufferers."

Vessel gardening

If you don't have the time or the green thumb to do your own planting but still want to surround yourself with beautiful flowers, foliage or even vegetables, your local garden centre can help with a variety of pre-planted mixed containers.

"Pre-planted pots of edibles are growing in popularity because it makes gardening more accessible to a wider range of people," says Nolan.

Vessel gardening makes gardening accessible to a wider range of people. THINKSTOCK

Ready-to-buy mini-gardens can provide a continuous supply of fresh herbs, luscious tomatoes and crisp lettuce greens, right in the comfort of your own backyard.

A fence can add style

A fence is the ideal choice to add both style and function to your yard. Even though it's a DIY project, taking some tips from the pros can help ensure the job is done right.

- Before doing any work, Brian Kudhaya, owner of AMBK Fence & Deck, says you must contact Ontario One Call (on1call.ca) to ensure that your various underground connections are clearly mapped out — that includes hydro, cable, telephone, and gas.
- He adds having your property survey on hand is another must to ensure you are building on your own land. Kudhaya also recommends calling in the pros to do the heavy lifting. "Hire someone to dig the post holes and put in the posts — that's the hardest part of the job."
- From there, the style, height, and materials used in your fence are up to your personal preference. The most common material used is pressure-treated wood, which offers added privacy. But there are other styles available, including chain link, vinyl, and even stucco or brick.

JASON MENARD

NFL

Players allege cap 'conspiracy'

The players' union claimed Wednesday that the NFL imposed a secret salary cap during the uncapped 2010 season that cost the players at least $1 billion US. The complaint claims a "conspiracy" was made by owners to set a $123-million cap. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

NHL

Vigneault staying in Vancouver

Speculation on Alain Vigneault's future with the Vancouver Canucks ended when the veteran coach signed a contract extension with the club on Wednesday.

The Canucks posted the NHL's best record the last two seasons under Vigneault, but his status was unclear after being bounced in the first round of the playoffs by Los Angeles. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Alain Vigneault GETTY IMAGES

NHL

"I believe I coached with tomorrow in mind as opposed to today and that might have hurt me."

Tom Renney on Wednesday.
The Oilers, a team nearing the end of a lengthy rebuild, decided not to renew Renney's contract last week.

NBA

James tops defensive team

LeBron James was the leading vote-getter for the NBA's all-defensive team. Thunder forward Serge Ibaka, Clippers guard Chris Paul, Grizzlies guard Tony Allen and Magic centre Dwight Howard joined James on the first team Wednesday. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Out of control in Florida

MLB. Command issues continue to plague Romero as Blue Jays drop 2 of 3 to Rays

Ricky Romero has no answers for his control problems.

Romero walked a career-high seven in six-plus innings for Toronto, and B.J. Upton hit an RBI double in the 11th that sent the Tampa Bay Rays to a 5-4 win over the Blue Jays on Wednesday.

Romero gave up four runs and two hits. The left-hander, who also hit a batter, has walked 21 over his last four starts.

"I can't explain it," Romero said. "It's frustrating. I've just got to keep working. This game takes a lot out of you mentally, more than physically. I'm trying to fix things and it's just not going my way."

Romero threw just 54 of 105 pitches for strikes.

"The issue is with the command, particularly his fastball," Toronto manager John Farrell said. "He threw his secondary pitches for strikes. It allowed him to get back into some counts."

In his previous three starts, Romero walked five twice and four once.

Rich Thompson was hit by a pitch by Darren Oliver (0-2) to start the 11th and scored on Upton's one-out drive into the left-field corner.

Jake McGee (1-1) struck out two during a perfect 11th.

The Rays nearly won it in the ninth on Drew Sutton's two-out infield single, but second baseman Omar Vizquel threw out Carlos Pena, who tried to score from second on the play.

After Jose Bautista doubled with one out in the eighth, Joel Peralta replaced James Shields and gave up a two-run homer to Edwin Encarnacion that tied it 4-4.

Shields, who was looking for his seventh win of the season, allowed three runs and seven hits over 7 1/3 innings. He struck out 10 and walked one.

Tampa Bay took a 2-1 lead during the first when Sutton's double off Romero scored Pena and Matt Joyce, who both walked. Joyce and Luke Scott both had RBI grounders as the Rays extended the lead to 4-1 in the third.

Bautista put the Blue Jays up 1-0 on his 12th homer in the first. He has seven homers and 14 RBIs over his last 13 games.

Yan Gomes hit a fifth-inning sacrifice fly that got Toronto within 4-2.

Toronto second baseman Kelly Johnson left the game in the ninth with left hamstring tightness. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Wednesday's game

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Rays second baseman Will Rhymes throws over Toronto's Edwin Encarnacion for a double play on Wednesday.
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Quoted

"I beat myself, again."

Jays left-hander **Ricky Romero** after a fourth-straight tough outing Wednesday.

By the numbers

15

Tampa Bay has now won 15 consecutive series against Toronto.

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4 SPORTS

Cycling

"Now, I think Ryder Hesjedal is the great favourite. Today he was able not to lose any seconds, and if the gaps stay like this ... I won't have any chance against him in the Milan individual time trial."

Joaquin Rodriguez, who won the tough 17th stage of the Giro d'Italia on Wednesday to keep his grip on the overall lead. Victoria native Ryder Hesjedal remained 30 seconds behind Rodriguez in the race for the pink jersey, which the Spaniard will wear for a seventh day on Thursday.

NHL playoffs

Devils forced to put up with Prust

Rangers forward Brandon Prust returned to the lineup in Game 5 against the Devils on Wednesday night after serving a one-game ban for an elbow to the head of Anton Volchenkov in Game 3. Find out if Prust's return was enough to spark New York to a 3-2 series lead over New Jersey at metronews.ca/sports.

On the web

World and Olympic records have already fallen at the feet of Jamaican sprinter Usain Bolt. So how does he plan to top himself in London? By improving on his only weakness. Scan the code for the story.

Conquering Kings set sights on the cup

NHL. Eighth-seeded L.A. has peaked at the right time and is just four wins away from a first Stanley Cup

The crowd was dozens deep and hundreds wide, screaming and chanting and surrounding the Los Angeles Kings' cars as they drove home after writing another improbable chapter in the big, mostly empty book that holds their franchise history.

About 4,000 fans showed up at LAX early Wednesday morning to welcome the Western Conference champions back from Arizona. Even Game 5 hero Dustin Penner was awestruck.

"It was like driving down a hallway lined with human flesh," said Penner, who scored the overtime goal that sent the Kings to the Stanley Cup final. "You couldn't see anything except people.... It's not something that anyone will forget, ever, on this Kings team."

A remarkable story is unfolding in Los Angeles, and it's happening at the ideal time. Few NHL teams have ever peaked in the post-season more perfectly than the eighth-seeded Kings, and now they're four wins away from the franchise's first title.

After a regular season rocked by struggles, false starts and major changes, the eighth-seeded Kings have turned into the powerhouse they expected to be all season. Los Angeles needed only a league record-tying 14 playoff games to reach its first Stanley Cup final since 1993, outscoring its opponents 41-22 and culminating with a five-game win over the Coyotes.

The Kings replaced coach Terry Murray with Darryl Sutter near mid-season. They struggled to score all season, only fixing their offence around the 65th game. They didn't even clinch a playoff berth until the day of their 81st game, blowing the Pacific Division title in the final week of the season.

Although captain Dustin Brown superstitiously didn't touch the Campbell Bowl during the trophy presentation in Glendale, Ariz., the Kings have earned just the second conference-title banner for their rather empty wall at Staples Center. They're hoping to add an even better trophy in the next few weeks.

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The L.A. Kings celebrate their game-winning goal Tuesday in Glendale, Ariz.
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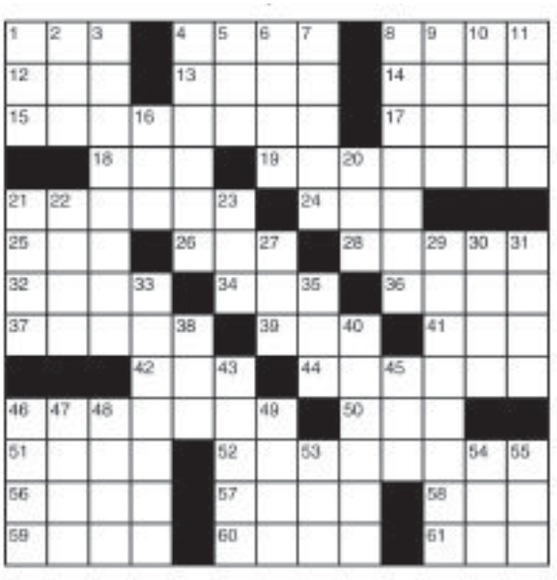
Across

1 Suitable
4 Antitoxins
8 Govt. employees
12 Private address?
13 Mideast airline
14 Detail
15 Overflowing
17 Waikiki wing-ding
18 Cover
19 Sudden big profit
21 Dormant
24 "Opus —"
25 "The Greatest"
26 Encountered
28 Erstwhile Peruvians
32 "Monopoly" payment
34 Corn spike
36 Steps leading to the Ganges
37 Kelly's cohost
39 Front of the ship
41 George's brother
42 Privy
44 The Pequod, e.g.
46 Star status
50 Under the weather
51 Jai —
52 Old British coin
56 Pelt
57 Architect Saarinen
58 Ultra-modernist
59 Suspend
60 Abound
61 Chatter away

Down

1 Pompous fool
2 "Great Expectations" lad
3 Literary critic Lionel
4 Hardly ever
5 Inventor Whitney
6 Standing
7 Cold
8 Cavity remedy
9 Needle case
10 Jerry's longtime partner
11 Complacent
16 Abner's adjective
20 Mainlanders' memento
21 Klinger portrayer
22 Sheltered
23 Teeny
27 Bill
29 Like horror movies
30 Swiss river
31 Constellation component
33 Farm chore
35 Tier
38 — -disant
40 Erstwhile
43 Beginning
45 Every last crumb
46 Wild party
47 Chase of Hollywood lore
48 Reclined
49 Clarified butter
53 Rage
54 Teachers' org.
55 Sailor



Sudoku

	1		2		9		6	
7								2
		2		6		7		
	3	9		4		6	8	
	6			9			5	
	5	4		8		3	7	
		1		5		4		
9								8
	7		4		3		2	

How to play

Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and logic.

Yesterday's Sudoku

6	4	1	2	3	9	5	8	7
7	8	2	4	5	1	6	9	3
3	5	9	6	8	7	4	1	2
5	1	8	7	2	6	9	3	4
4	2	3	9	1	8	7	6	5
9	7	6	5	4	3	8	2	1
1	9	4	8	7	2	3	5	6
8	3	7	1	6	5	2	4	9
2	6	5	3	9	4	1	7	8

Yesterday's Crossword

Cryptoquip

How to play

This is a substitution cipher where one letter stands for another. Eg: If X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle.

RNWWXRUTF YT YGMOLG'R DXZ ZLGL RALLQAE CLRUFTLC, U FNLRR UH JUFOH DL QTXZT YR YGGXZ-CETYJUM.

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: HAVING RECENTLY STARTED ON HER WICKER BASKET PROJECT, SHE REPORTED "WEAVE ONLY JUST BEGUN."

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: R equals S

For today's crossword answers and for expanded horoscopes, go to metronews.ca

Horoscope

Aries | March 21 - April 20. If you have something worth saying — and you do — people will listen no matter how unconventional your message may be.

Taurus | April 21 - May 21. You believe that fate has not been fair to you. Stop feeling sorry for yourself and make your talents pay.

Gemini | May 22 - June 20. Mercury, your ruler, joins the Sun in your sign today. It means a new start and a new life is possible.

Cancer | June 21 - July 22. If you use your imagination today, you will come up with a solution to a problem that has been annoying you for months, maybe years.

Leo | July 23 - Aug. 22. Any place where there is music and laughter will attract you like a moth to the flame over the next 24 hours.

Virgo | Aug. 23 - Sept. 22. Changes in your working life will be forced on you over the next few weeks but you must not resist them. They're changes for the better.

Libra | Sept. 23 - Oct. 22. Mercury in Gemini will make it easy for you to change an idea or an opinion that is past its sell-by date.

Scorpio | Oct. 23 - Nov. 21. While other people were changing their minds every few minutes you resolutely stuck to your guns — and now it's about to pay off.

Sagittarius | Nov. 22 - Dec. 21. Yes, other people may have the upper hand but that does not mean you cannot do your own thing.

Capricorn | Dec. 22 - Jan 20. This is the perfect time to start a new health or fitness program. You know what your goal is.

Aquarius | Jan. 21 - Feb 18. You can afford to take risks. You can afford to bend the rules a little. Put a name to your dream and go after it.

Pisces | Feb. 19 - March 20. You are in the mood to make changes but if they are likely to affect other people you must consult them first. They won't stand in your way.

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